

H. R. 368.

[Report No. 439.]

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUST 1, 1850.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. F. P. STANTON, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported the following bill:

A BILL

Providing for certain hydrographical and other surveys.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Represen-*
2 *tatives of the United States of America in Congress*
3 *assembled,* That the President of the United States is
4 hereby authorized and directed to cause to be made a hy-
5 drographical survey of the ports on the Atlantic and Pa-
6 cific sides of the Isthmus of Nicaragua, Panama, and Te-
7 huantepec, with a view to ascertain the character of the
8 termini of the several proposed ship canals in the said lo-
9 calities; also that the President cause to be surveyed the
10 route for a military road along the southern boundary of
11 the United States, from the Mississippi valley to the Pa-
12 cific ocean, having reference to the practicability of loca-

13 ting a railroad thereon as well as to the defence of that
14 frontier.

1 **SEC. 2.** *And be it further enacted,* That for the pur-
2 poses aforesaid, the President is hereby authorized to em-
3 ploy any part of the navy and army of the United States ;
4 and the sum of one hundred thousand dollars is hereby
5 appropriated out of any money in the treasury not other-
6 wise appropriated.